

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 27, 2009.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge that Examiner Borlinghaus is now the Examiner of record, and will indicate Examiner Borlinghaus as the Examiner of record in future correspondence.

On page 2, the Office Action contains a Requirement for Information under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 requiring Applicants to “state whether any search of prior art was performed.” Applicants respectfully submit that a search of prior art was not performed in connection with the filing and prosecution of the present application.

It is believed that the above statement addresses the scope of the Requirement for Information in full, and that Applicants have properly responded to the outstanding Requirement for Information under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105.

No petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action is deemed necessary for this Response. If, however, such a petition is required to make this Response timely filed, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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